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August 15, 2016

Dear Colleagues,

I'm happy to see that it's been a busy and productive summer for our faculty and staff based on the number and variety of professional activities detailed below. As we prepare to launch the new academic year, I look forward to seeing you at our 1L Orientation on Thursday and Friday. I want to particularly acknowledge and thank Mary Bowman, Donna Deming, and Lori Bannai for all of their hard work in putting the program together.

See you soon!

Annette

Publications

Bryan Adamson's article, "Tamir Rice and Grand Jury Pre-Indictment Publicity: Reconsidering Media Influence When #BlackLivesMatter," will be published in Volume 8 of the Alabama Civil Rights & Civil Liberties Law Review. His essay, "A Tribute to Professor Jonathan Entin," will be published in Volume 67 of Case Western Reserve University Law Review.

Presentations

Lori Bannai co-presented a session, "Dealing with the Elephant in the Elevator: How Race and Other Forms of Difference Live in Our Classes," at the Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute in Portland, Oregon. She also spoke on her book, *Enduring Conviction: Fred Korematsu and His Search for Justice*, as part of the San

Upcoming Events

[2016 Adjunct & Affiliated Faculty Convocation](#)

Tuesday, August 16
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Room 110

[2016 Adjunct & Affiliated Faculty Convocation: Reception and Dinner](#)

Tuesday, August 16
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm
2nd Floor Gallery

Visit the School of Law website for more [upcoming events](#).

Francisco Commonwealth Club's series on Big Solutions for Big Problems, which will be aired on C-SPAN.

Maggie Chon gave a talk at the International Association for the Advancement of Teaching and Research in Intellectual Property, hosted by Jagiellonian University. She also led a dialogue and workshop, co-sponsored by Seattle University School of Law and the International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development, for a forthcoming book on Public-Private Partnerships, Intellectual Property Governance, and Sustainable Development.

Carmen Gonzalez presented at the annual colloquium of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature Academy of Environmental Law (IUCNAEL) that took place in June 2016 in Oslo, Norway. The title of her presentation was "Environmental Racism, U.S. Courts, and International Tribunals: The Mossville, Louisiana Case Study."

Natasha Martin presented on a plenary dinner panel titled, "Occupational Hazards: Overworked, Underpaid, and Overly Discriminated Against," and also presented two works-in progress: "Racial Codes and the Indignity of Bias in the Contemporary Workplace," (Employment Law Workshop) and "Rethinking Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird*: Is Racism a Legal Ethics Issue?" (Ethics and Morality Workshop) at the 2016 Lutie A. Lytle Female Women Law Faculty 10th Annual Commemorative Writing Workshop. She presented "Rethinking Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird*: Bleached Out Advocacy and the Quest for Racial Justice" at the International Legal Ethics Conference VII. She also presented "Mammies, Matriarchs and the Michelle Obama Effect: Black Women and the Salience of Race and Gender in the Contemporary Workplace" in "Session II: Rights Making and Taking in the World of Work."

Anna Roberts presented "Conviction by Prior Impeachment" at CrimFest in New York City. She presented two pieces at the SEALS Annual Conference: "Jury Failures and Reform Post-Ferguson" and "De Minimis and In Furtherance of Justice Dismissals."

Mimi Samuel co-presented a half-day CLE titled "Energizing Your Writing" with David Ziff of the University of Washington for the Washington chapter of the ACLU.

On July 31, **Ron Slye** delivered the 17th Annual Neelan Tiruchelvam Memorial Lecture in Colombo, Sri Lanka. The title of the talk was “Difficult Issues, Strategic Choices: Crafting a Coherent Sri Lankan Transitional Justice Process.” The full text of the talk, as well as more information about Neelan Tiruchelvam, can be found on the website of the [Neelan Tiruchelvam Trust](#). TV coverage of the talk can be found [here](#). An extended interview with Professor Slye in one of the major Sri Lankan Sunday newspapers can be found [here](#).

Other News

Bryan Adamson was recently appointed by King County Prosecutor Dan Satterberg to the African-American Council, to assist in development of criminal justice reform proposals. He was also appointed to the Board of the Greater Seattle Business Association, the nation's largest LGBTQ chamber of commerce, in May.

Lori Bannai's book, *Enduring Conviction: Fred Korematsu and His Search for Justice*, received the Norris and Carol Hundley Award from the West Coast Branch of the American Historical Society and an Honorable Mention from [Scribes: The American Society of Legal Writers](#).

Annette Clark moderated a panel on “What and Why: Deciding to Become a Dean” at this past weekend’s Promoting Diversity in Law School Leadership Workshop at the UW. The biennial conference for women and person of color who aspire to be deans was co-sponsored by SU Law and SALT.

Diane Lourdes Dick has been appointed to serve on the State of Washington's Citizen Commission for Performance Measurement of Tax Preferences. She fills the vacancy left by **Lily Kahng**, who recently stepped down after 10 years of dedicated service to the Commission. Diane has also volunteered to serve on the Washington State Bar Association's newly-formed Development Team, which is designing a curriculum for the WSBA's new MentorLink program.

Diane Lourdes Dick's article, "U.S. Tax Imperialism in Puerto Rico," was the focus of a *Jotwell* article written by Professor Shu-Yi Oei of Tulane University Law School.

Margaret Fisher traveled to Finland in August to help establish youth courts that address juvenile offenses. She also conducted two three-day Judicial Institutes at the U.S. Court for teachers in June and July. She trained new teams of judges and high school teachers in August to implement Street Law in Colfax and Vancouver. She presented at the Legislative Scholars program in July.

Charlotte Garden spoke with [Bloomberg News](#) about Uber's threat to walk away from a proposed settlement with its drivers. She was also quoted by [GeekWire](#) after a hearing on the U.S. Chamber's challenge to a Seattle law allowing for-hire drivers to unionize. The [Everett Herald](#) spoke with her for a story about Boeing's history with its unions. And she was quoted by [Bloomberg](#) and [In These Times](#) about a court ruling that protects companies from disclosing their use of anti-union consultants.

Carmen Gonzalez was elected to the Governing Board of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature Academy of Environmental Law (IUCNAEL). The IUCNAEL is a global network of legal scholars that seeks to build environmental law education capacity and promote collaborative environmental law scholarship in order to meet the growing demand for effective environmental governance. Her book, *International Environmental Law and the Global South* (Cambridge University Press, 2015), received a [glowing review](#) in the *Journal of International Economic Law*. The author of the review, M. Sornarajah, is a distinguished international law scholar and a leading figure in the Third World Approaches to International Law (TWAIL) movement.

Jack Kirkwood was quoted in a story in [Public and Regulatory Reports](#) on Kroger's complaint alleging that Visa forced it to use the more expensive debit card processing service that Visa owns. Jack also signed a letter to the Solicitor General urging him to recommend that the Supreme Court not take cert. in a pay-for-delay case the FTC won. Finally, Jack signed an amicus brief arguing that the Third Circuit should reject the district court's analysis in a bundled pricing case.

Natasha Martin facilitated the collective receiving letters from both President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama to commemorate the 2016 Lutie A. Lytle Black Female Women Law Faculty 10th Year Commemorative Workshop. She served as moderator of the panel, "The Hardest Issues in Public Interest Law Today II," at the International Legal Ethics Conference VII. She has also been

appointed as the University's inaugural Associate Vice President for Institutional Inclusion and Chief Diversity Officer.

Catherine O'Neill wrote an article in the [Center for Progressive Reform Blog](#) about Washington State's Department of Ecology's revised standards to the Clean Water Act and what effects these revisions will actually have on our water.

Anna Roberts has accepted an invitation to serve as Co-Chair of the Academics Committee for the ABA Criminal Justice Section for 2016-17. Her recently-published piece, "Reclaiming the Importance of the Defendant's Testimony: Prior Conviction Impeachment and the Fight Against Implicit Stereotyping," was cited by Judge Jack Weinstein in a recent order precluding impeachment. She has also accepted an invitation to contribute a book chapter, "Jurors' Reactions to Implicit Biases: Are Informational Interventions Effective?" to an Oxford University Press book entitled *Criminal Juries in the 21st Century: Psychological Science and the Law* (forthcoming 2018).

Ron Slye was featured in [The New York Times](#), commenting on the need for a truth and reconciliation commission in the United States to confront the painful legacy of slavery and white supremacy.

Erica Wolf chaired the third annual Health Law Certificate program from August 3-5. The program titled, Health Care Law and the Emerging Law of Mental Health, featured 22 speakers and panelists, including several alumni, and was well-attended by local and national attorneys and health care industry leaders. She also co-authored a joint memo for submission to the White House Mental Health Parity Task Force. The memo will be submitted by The Stability Network this month and calls for increased compliance and enforcement of nationwide mental health parity laws. The Task Force is expected to submit its findings and recommendations to the President by October 31.

Please send items to be included in the next Dean's Spotlight to [Jessica Fuqua](#) in the Dean's Office.